

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the office action mailed February 15, 2005. Claims 1-4, 12, 13, 15, and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 5-11, 14, 16, and 18-23 remain under consideration in the application. Claims 5, 7, 14, and 16 have been currently amended. Claims 18-23 have been newly added. The drawings have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The invention relates to a camera control, the actuation force of which can be adjusted by a user of the camera.

In the drawings:

The header portion of the drawings has been amended so that the invention title on the drawings agrees with the invention title in the specification. Replacement drawing sheets in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 121(d) are included with this paper.

In the claims:

Claims 1-4, 12, 13, 15, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Breen (U.S. Pat. No. 4,295,715). These claims have been cancelled. Applicant makes no admission that these claims are actually anticipated by Breen.

Claim 5 has been amended into independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 1, from which it formerly depended. The examiner has indicated that claim 5 in this form is allowable. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and adds further limitations, and is therefore also allowable.

Claim 7 has been amended into independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 1, from which it formerly depended. The examiner has indicated that claim 7 in this form is allowable. Claims 8-11 depend from claim 7 and add further limitations, and are therefore also allowable.

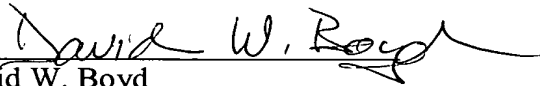
Claims 14 and 16 have been amended into independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 12, from which each formerly depended. The examiner has indicated that these claims are allowable in this form.

Claims 18-23 have been newly added. These claims are amply supported in the specification, and depend from allowable claims and add further limitations. They are therefore believed allowable.

The examiner has made of record but not relied upon Staley (U.S. Pat. No. 5,220,318), and Bron (U.S. Pat. No. 6,270,251). These references, taken singly or in combination, do not describe all of the elements of Applicant's claims as amended.

Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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